

Amendment to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:
a user interface ~~having~~including
a display for displaying text and
speech synthesiser ~~synthesizer~~ means including a loudspeaker,
~~arranged to convert~~ which converts an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio
output representative of a person reading the text; and
control means, for controlling the display and for providing an input to the
speech synthesiser ~~synthesizer~~ means, ~~arranged to control the~~ which controls the
display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the
speech synthesiser ~~synthesizer~~ synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the
displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect to the
audio output corresponding to the text portion.
 2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the control
means ~~synchronises~~ synchronizes the highlighting with the conversion of text to
audio output.

3. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control means varies the highlighting with the conversion of text to audio output.

4. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control means extends the highlighting through the displayed text with the conversion of text to audio output.

5. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 4 wherein the control means unselectively extends the highlighting through all of the text.

6. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the extending of highlighting through a text portion lags the conversion of the text portion to audio output by the delay.

7. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text corresponding to a word or words.

8. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control means highlights a text portion for a limited duration.

9. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 8 wherein the highlighting isolates a portion or portions of text from a body of text, the initiation of the isolation of text lagging the conversion of the text to audio output by the delay and the isolation being maintained for the limited duration.

10. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dimension of the highlighted portion is variable.

B/ 11. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dimension of the highlighted portion is a constant number of words long.

12. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display displays the full sentence of text being converted.

13. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display displays the previous predetermined plurality of words that have been converted.

14. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a dictionary, wherein the control means highlights words not in the dictionary.

15. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the control means provides different highlighting for the words not in the dictionary.

16. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control means is arranged to identify proper nouns in the text, and highlight them.

17. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the control means provides different highlighting for the proper nouns in the text.

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18. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the speech synthesizer means provides signals to the control means to effect the highlighting of specific words.

19. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 18 wherein the control means provides different highlighting to the specific words.

20. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein highlighting may comprise anyone of:

- contrast variation of the text and/or display background;
- color variation of the text and/or display background;
- reformatting of the text including underscoring, bold font, italic font, capitalization, changing font size or type; and
- enclosing text in geometric shapes.

21. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the delay corresponds to a number of converted words or syllables.

22. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the delay corresponds to a fixed time.

23. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the delay is greater than 0.1 seconds.

24. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the delay is less than 3 seconds.

25. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a document reader or a hand-held communications device.

26. (Currently Amended) A hand-held radio communications device comprising:

a user interface ~~having~~ including:

a display for displaying text and

~~speech synthesiser~~ synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the ~~speech synthesiser~~ synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the ~~speech synthesiser~~ synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion.

27. (Currently Amended) A document reader comprising a user interface ~~having~~ including:

a display for displaying text and

~~speech synthesiser~~ synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a

B/ person reading the text; and control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech ~~synthesiser~~ synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech ~~synthesiser~~ synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect .to the audio output corresponding to the text portion:

28. (Previously Amended) A car comprising:

- a hand-held radio communications device which comprises:

- a user interface which includes:

- a display for displaying text, and

- speech synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and

- control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion, or

- a document reader which comprises:

- a user interface having:

- a display for displaying text, and

speech synthesizer means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and

control means for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech synthesizer means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech synthesizer, and to highlight a portion or portions of the displayed text, wherein the highlighting of a text portion is delayed with respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion; wherein the display is mounted for use by the driver.

29. Cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice

30. (Original) A method for displaying text and providing speech synthesis of the text comprising the steps of:

displaying the text;

converting a text portion to audio output;

determining that the text portion should be highlighted;

delaying; and then

highlighting the text portion.

31. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

a user interface ~~having~~ including:

a display for displaying text and

speech synthesiser means including a loudspeaker, arranged to convert an input, dependent upon a text, to an audio output representative of a person reading the text; and

control means, for controlling the display and for providing an input to the speech synthesiser means, arranged to control the display of a text, to provide an input corresponding to the displayed text to the speech synthesiser, and to delay the display of a text portion with respect to the audio output corresponding to the text portion.

32. (Original) A method for displaying text and providing speech synthesis of the text comprising the steps of:

converting a text portion to audio output;

delaying; and then

displaying the text;

33. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in claim 31, wherein the delay is greater than 0.1 seconds.

34. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the delay is greater than 0.1 seconds.

35. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the control means varies the highlighting with the conversion of text to audio output.

B) 36. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the extending of highlighting through a text portion lags the conversion of the text portion to audio output by the delay.

37. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text corresponding to a word or words.

38. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text corresponding to a word or words.

39. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 36, wherein the highlighting extends discontinuously by portions of text corresponding to a word or words.
